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## CALIFORNIA MAN SENTENCED FOR FAILING TO REGISTER AS SEX OFFENDER

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg announced that Russell Hart, 55, of California, was sentenced on May 24, 2011, to 30 months in prison by United States District Judge Richard G. Kopf, for failing to register under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA). After serving his prison term, Hart will be also be required to serve five years of supervised release and register as a sex offender.

SORNA, also known as the Adam Walsh Protection and Safety Act, requires that a convicted sex offender register in each jurisdiction where the offender resides, where the offender is employed, or where the offender is a student, and that the sex offender maintain current registrations. Hart was required to register as a sex offender because he had been convicted of two counts of forcible rape in 1975 in the District Court for Monterey County, California. The conviction required that Mr. Hart register as a sex offender in the state of California, and, by federal law, in any other state to which he moved.

In 2010, Hart traveled from California to Nebraska and failed to register as a sex offender. Hart was arrested in McCook, Nebraska, by the United States Marshals Service on August 6, 2010, on a warrant from the California Department of Corrections for parole violations. After his arrest, Hart admitted to the U.S. Marshals that he had moved to Cambridge, Nebraska, in July of 2010, and had not registered because he knew he was violating the conditions of his parole by being in Nebraska.

This case was investigated by the United States Marshals Service.

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